

GOVERNMENT OF TALANGANA
ABSTRACT

Forest Conservation Act, 1980 – Diversion of **1.904 ha** of forest land in **Bellampally** division proposed for construction of 11 kv transmission line for the release of 1 no 96 HP NDS load to water grid department for 24 hrs power supply from existing Tandur MHQ feeder in Tandur Mandal in Bellampally division in favour of TSNDCL – **Final (Stage-II) approval** – Accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 29

Dated: 22-02-2023
Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S. Hyd., Ref.No.14208/2018/FCA-3/PS, Dt:23.10.2018.
2. Govt. Letter No.4322/For.I(1)/2018, Dated:03.12.2018.
3. From Dy. CF (Central) GoI, MoEF& CC, Chennai, F.No.4-TSB141/2018-CHN/005, dt.01.01.2019.
4. From PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Ref.No.FC4/FC26/18/2022, Dt.30.07.2022.
5. Govt. Lr.No.4322/For.I (1)/2018, Dt:06.09.2022.
6. From the Inspector General of Forests (Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Hyd., F.No.4-TSB141/2018-CHN/875, Dt.02.01.2023.

ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of **1.904 ha** of forest land in **Bellampally** division proposed for construction of 11 kv transmission line for the release of 1 no 96 HP NDS load to water grid department for 24 hrs power supply from existing tandur MHQ feeder in Tandur Mandal in Bellampally division in favour of TSNDCL.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, Government of Telangana have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in her letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, IRO, Hyderabad, for according necessary approval.

4. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para-1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II) approval** for diversion of **1.904 ha** of forest land in **Bellampally** division proposed for construction of 11 kv transmission line for the release of 1 no 96 HP NDS load to water grid department for 24 hrs power supply from existing Tandur MHQ feeder in Tandur Mandal in Bellampally division in favour of TSNDCL, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the State Forest Department from the amount which was claimed to be realized from the User Agency and submit completion report within three months, it not demarcated already.

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- iii. The State Forest Department shall carryout Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and its maintenance over 3.90 ha of degraded forest area in Compartment No.348 of Bellampally RF from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency. Mixture of Indigenous forestry species only shall be planted and monoculture of any tree species shall be avoided.
- iv. The degraded forest land identified for CA and the approved CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government and the State Forest Department shall ensure that the amount realized from the User Agency towards CA should not be left unspent.
- v. Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming, due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency.
- vi. The State Forest Department shall raise and maintain dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) under the transmission line as per the scheme proposed by FDO, Bellampally form the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency.
- vii. The maximum width of right of way for the proposed transmission line on the forest land shall not be more than 7 mtrs.
- viii. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred / sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
- ix. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- x. The user agency at its cost shall provide Bird Deflectors, which are to be fixed on the upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.
- xi. The user agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the EPA, 1986, if applicable.
- xii. The User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to laborer working at the site to avoid damage / tree felling.
- xiii. Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the laborer & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.
- xiv. No additional or new path shall be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- xv. The period of diversion under this approval shall be coterminous with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
- xvi. Felling / pollarding / pruning of trees shall be done with the permission of the local District wherever necessary during construction and maintenance of the transmission lines.

- xvii. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to Ministry's guidelines F.No.7-25/2012-FC, dated 5th May, 2014 and 19th September, 2014 and provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulation and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the transmission line projects.
- xviii. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 1.904 ha and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- xix. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer of the Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad may stipulate from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency.
- xx. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the prevailing Act / Rules / Guidelines.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

SANTHI KUMARI,
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT &
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FOREST).

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt.of Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN-500004 .

The Regional Officer(Central),
Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad,
Aranya Bhavan, Opposite Reserve Bank of India,
Saifabad, Hyderabad - 500004(w.e.)

The TSNPDCL, O/o Superintending Engineer, Operation, Mancherial, Power House Compound, Beside Mancherial Club, Hitech City, Mancherial, Adilabad District, Telangana-504208.

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SECTION OFFICER.